



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Professional Responsibility

Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This is in response to your letter to Inspector General Glenn Fine dated September 16, 2004, which was referred to the Office of Professional Responsibility for review. In your letter, you stated that your staff had received information indicating that Department of Justice attorneys acted improperly in connection with the search and seizure of materials from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative in northern California.

We have initiated an inquiry into this matter. We will be in further contact with you when our inquiry is complete.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Justice if we can be of further assistance with respect to this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "H. Marshall Jarrett".

H. Marshall Jarrett
Counsel